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This ten-day sale will clean up all of our broken lines of high-grade shoes, at the tremendous reductions we have made! The finest shoe bargains that you will have a chance to buy this season! The way they are selling now, the offerings will not last until the sale end February 23rd. So you had best come now.

Nothing but patent colt shoes for men left now—button, lace and blucher models—that have been \$3.50 \$4 and \$5—at \$2.85.

Boys' gun-metal calf bluchers, double welted soles, sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2 only, regular \$3 shoes, selling now at \$1.45.

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## NIAGRA FALLS ICEBOUND

Water Flowing Only Over the Horse-shoe.

Buffalo, Feb. 15.—The cataract at Niagara Falls is icebound to-day and the American Falls is practically dry. The stream is a mere brook at the brink. Only twice before has this been known to happen. March 29, 1885 and March 22, 1900. There is not force enough in the stream to carry a pulp log over the precipice.

For days now a cold northeast wind has been holding back the waters and bearing the channel so the ice finds lodgment first in the upper rapids and then in the long reaches up to Gill Creek. The result is a great wall of ice from Goat Island to the American bank and some 200 feet into the Canadian channel. From Goat Island all that may be seen is the long stretch of ice, in hillocks and hummocks ten feet and more high, between which an alert man might find it very easy to cross.

The ice has choked the American Falls and the great Horseshoe Fall, which seldom knows a check, is blocked by a wall of ice that juts out beyond the third Sister Island and shuts off all the flow west to the outward sweep of the Horseshoe. A wall of ice also juts out from the Canadian side, so all that is left is the very center of the fall, and that to-day is robbed of half its normal volume.

In the gorge below the American Fall great hummocks of ice from 40 to 60 feet high front the cataract's base. On what was left of the ice bridge one could make easy passage across the front of the falls to the Cave of the Winds.

Rocks that old rivermen say have not been seen for forty years are naked to-day. The whirlpool is sluggish. At the Devil's Hole there is only a pebbly brook. The low water has crippled the power plants tremendously.

**CASTORIA.**  
The Kind You Have Always Bought  
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**NEWTOWN.**

The Valentine dance given by the young ladies of Park Hook at St. Mary's hall, Saturday evening was very largely attended, the hall being almost crowded. A delightful social evening was enjoyed. Many guests were present from the surrounding towns. The room was very tastefully decorated with strings of red hearts and each guest received a Valentine with a number the corresponding number on a similar Valentine telling the partner for the grand march. Refreshments of sandwiches, cake and coffee were served throughout the evening.

Michael J. Bradley, former judge of Probate, died at his home on the Boulevard Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock after a few weeks illness.

A. T. Nettleton has returned from a few days visit in New York City. Herbert Parsons of Albany is the guest of his sister, Mrs. C. H. Finch. Miss B. Frances Hoadley, who enjoyed a visit with Bridgeport friends Saturday, Clarence Wheeler of White Plains, N. Y., has been an over Sunday guest of his aunt, Mrs. George F. Duncomb.

Trinity Church.—Rev. J. H. George took his text from Hosea, 10 chapter, 12 verse. Subject, "Cultivation of the Spiritual Soul." The gentlemen of the parish will meet at the rectory tonight at 8:00 p. m. Women's auxiliary will meet at the rectory Thursday at 2:30 p. m. The men will give a supper and entertainment in the parish house Thursday beginning at 5:30. Holy communion will be celebrated next Sunday at 10:00 a. m. Mr. Walker of Essex, N. Y., played the organ Sunday.

**NEUMONIA FOLLOWS**  
**LA GRIFFE.**

Pneumonia often follows la grippe but never follows the use of Foley's Honey and Tar, for la grippe coughs and deep seated colds. Refuse any but the genuine in the yellow package. F. B. Brill, local agent. \* 135

Miss Mary Belle Hoyt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hoyt, 524 Huntington Road who has been visiting during the winter at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hoyt, of St. Louis, Mo., arrived home yesterday after an absence of several weeks.

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## CLUB WOMEN IN JOLLY SESSION AT "STRATFIELD"

Covers were laid for seventy-five at the regular mid-winter luncheon of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, held this afternoon at The Stratfield. Those present represented the members of the executive board and committees at many times in the history of the federation. Mrs. W. H. Phipps of Waterbury, president of the society, presided at the banquet table. The tables were beautifully decorated with dark red carnations, the Federation flower, and the menu was printed in red, the Federation color. The hour preceding the luncheon was one of great pleasure to all. The program after lunch was as follows:

Address of welcome by the president, Mrs. W. H. Phipps, of Waterbury. Remarks by Mrs. H. H. Pyle, Bridgeport, honorary vice president; Mrs. C. H. Briscoe, Thompsonville, ex-president; short speeches on the subject, "The Club Woman."

"As Others See Us," Mrs. G. H. Jamieson, Bridgeport; Mrs. C. W. Shelton, Norwalk; Mrs. B. F. Walker, Bridgeport.

"We See Ourselves," Miss Alice Bacon, New Haven; Mrs. W. C. Hopson, Bridgeport; Mrs. F. W. Gerard, South Norwalk.

Address "Now," Miss Dotha Stone Phipps, Norwalk.

Music by members of the Wednesday Afternoon Musical Club, represented by Mrs. Robert Martin, Mrs. A. C. Martens and Mrs. Bullard.

Those present included the following ladies: Mrs. H. H. Pyle, Bridgeport; Mrs. W. H. Phipps, Waterbury; Mrs. J. H. Hart, Waterbury; Mrs. James C. Mason, Bridgeport; Mrs. C. Smith, Cheshire; Mrs. W. H. Hoffman, Cheshire; Mrs. E. F. Thompson, East Haven; Mrs. James E. Wilson, Bridgeport; Mrs. F. C. Dowd, Madison; Miss Carolyn Brown, Stamford; Miss Dotha Stone Phipps, Norwalk; Mrs. E. S. Curtis, New Haven; Mrs. F. H. Dart, Niantic; Mrs. F. W. Gerard, South Norwalk; Mrs. F. S. Wardwell, Stamford; Mrs. F. E. Hartwell, Danbury; Mrs. J. C. Downs, Danbury; Mrs. M. H. Parsons, Stamford; Mrs. J. H. Munson, Woodbury; Mrs. Fred J. Peck, Mt. Carmel; Mrs. M. E. Medway, Bethel; Mrs. Walter E. Andrews, Ansonia; Mrs. L. B. Nickerson, Bridgeport; Mrs. Frank W. Patterson, Bridgeport; Mrs. Edward Sterling, Bridgeport; Mrs. W. W. Porter, Bridgeport; Dr. H. Adeline Thompson, Bridgeport; Miss L. N. Stoddard, Cheshire; Mrs. G. H. Noxon, Danbury; Mrs. O. L. Nettleton, Milford; Miss Emma Dickerman, Mt. Carmel; Miss Alice L. Bacon, New Haven; Mrs. John S. Seymour, Norwalk; Mrs. Ida S. Keen, South Norwalk; Mrs. Robert Carter, Washington; Mrs. Nell Mitchell, Westport; Mrs. E. J. Naramore, Bridgeport; Mrs. B. F. Walker, Bridgeport; Dr. Sophia Penfield, Danbury; Miss Dorothy Ryder, Danbury; Mrs. E. J. Camp, Seymour; Mrs. E. H. Bailey, Hartford; Mrs. G. A. Jamieson, Bridgeport; Mrs. C. W. Shelton, Norwalk; Mrs. W. B. Bean, Rockville; Mrs. Frederick Rhodes, Bridgeport; Mrs. John F. Goddard, Westport; Mrs. Louise O. Coolidge, Norwalk; Mrs. K. M. Spaulding, Bridgeport; Miss Marion Lewis, Bridgeport.

## FIREMEN CRUSHED BY COLLAPSING WALL

(Special from United Press.) New York, Feb. 15.—Battalion Chief Michael Graham and four members of his hook and ladder company were crushed under a falling wall during a fire early today in the Pratt Oil Works in Williamsburg. The flames had destroyed two of the buildings in the yard limits and were spreading to the oil tanks. Graham took his crew close to a wall when it collapsed, burying the men under tons of brick and mortar. All were gotten out more or less mangled and bruised and hurried to the hospital. One member of the company, Michael Mulaney, is reported as dying from his injuries.

## MUNICIPAL LODGING HOUSE DEDICATED

(Special from United Press.) New York, Feb. 15.—Father Knickerbocker today accepted his \$425,000 lodging house which was dedicated by Mayor McClellan. The house has accommodations for one thousand men and women. Its policy as far as the men are concerned will be to harbor, feed and fumigate any pilgrim whose exchequer forbids his sojourning in more exclusive apartments. Bread and coffee for supper; oatmeal, bread and coffee for breakfast, with a shower bath to top off the day and clean linen and real bed springs are environment for the night. The troublesome guest will be fumigated during the night in the largest fumigator in the world.

## CHICAGO FLYER WRECKED NEAR ALTOONA TODAY

Ran into Landslide and Three Cars Were Derailed—Only One Badly Hurt.

(Special from United Press.) Altoona, Pa., Feb. 15.—Running at a rate of about 40 miles an hour the Pennsylvania Special Eighteen Hour Flyer between Chicago and New York struck a landslide at Hamilton, about 18 miles from here at 6 this morning, overturning the engine and baggage car and derailling three sleepers filled with passengers.

H. H. Minguin of Sioux City, the baggage master, received serious injuries to his spine. A number of passengers were bruised by being thrown from their berths. The engineer and fireman escaped by jumping. The landslide is supposed to have been caused by the passage of a heavy freight train a few minutes before the special. The tracks were blocked. The passengers of the flyer were transferred to the Manhattan Limited which was on a clear track.

## NURSE MARRIES MAINE MILLIONAIRE Friendship Begun at Green's Farm Sanatorium Results in a Marriage at Boston.

A Boston paper announces the marriage under romantic circumstances of Edward P. Brown, a wealthy lumberman of Bangor, Maine, and Miss Mary W. Brown, a nurse, formerly employed at the Westport Sanatorium, and also at MacFarland's sanatorium in Greens Farms, Miss. Brown came originally from the South. She was a nurse at the Westport Sanatorium for three months. She then went to the MacFarland sanatorium. Last week she left the place and later announced to her friends in the establishment that she had been married. The groom is a son of the late Edward King, known as the Maine lumber king and inherited a large fortune. He was a patient at MacFarland's sanatorium for several months and made the acquaintance of the bride while in the institution.

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## LODGE ROOM NOTES

Happenings in the lodge rooms last night.

Schiller Lodge, N. E. O. P., held a largely attended meeting on Saturday night in Red Men's hall at which time receiving an official visit from the grand lodge officers, Grand Secretary Jeremiah Wall of New Haven took occasion to present the lodge with a handsome silver mounted ebony gavel as memorial that the lodge had made the greatest gain in membership of any of the local lodges. The gavel was received by Warden J. M. Schram. Following the meeting a German lunch was served. The grand officers present were Grand Warden, F. H. Tolles, Windsor; Grand Vice-Warden, P. E. Whalen, New Haven and Grand Secretary Jeremiah Wall of New Haven. There were also present the following local deputies: J. L. Christie, for Park City lodge; Leonard Meiller, for Schiller lodge; S. W. Proudman, for Sterling lodge; H. M. Dawson, for several lodges and Supreme Representatives Wallace A. Smith and C. O. Sniffen. The membership of the order in Connecticut as announced by the Grand Warden is 13,799, a gain of 78 during the past year.

## CASTORIA.

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LECTURES ON THE BIBLE.  
Madame Mountford lectured Sunday afternoon to a large audience at the First Methodist church, taking for her subject, "The Far Country." To-night and Tuesday night she will give two lectures under the auspices of the Scandinavians of this city, which also will be held in the First M. E. church, corner Broad street and Fairfield avenue.

To-night the subject will be "The Shepherds of Palestine" on the 23rd Psalm Illustrated, and Tuesday night, "Jerusalem My Happy Home." Madame Mountford being born and raised in Jerusalem this lecture will be of unusual interest. There will be singing in both English and Swedish. Lecture being in English we most heartily invite the public.

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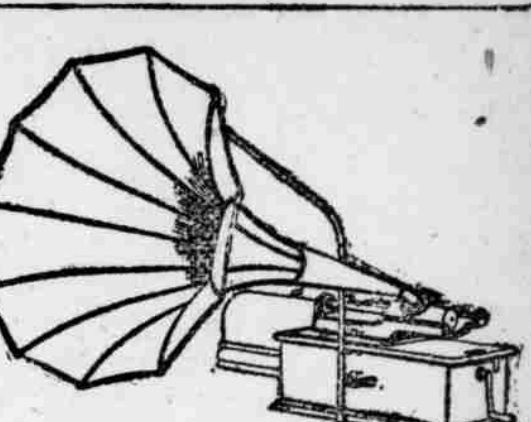
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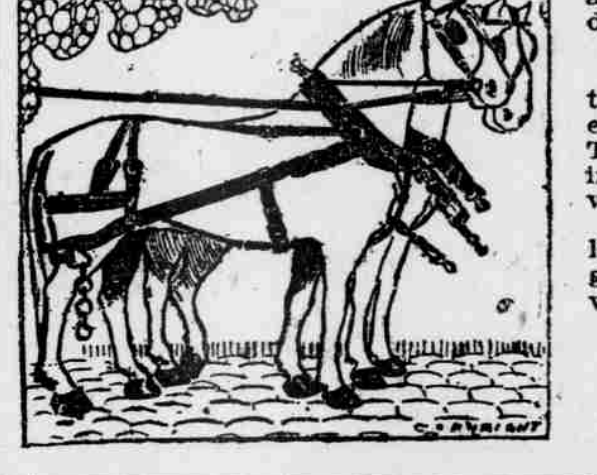
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